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SUBJECT : USG ROLE IN HANDLING AUB SCHOLARSHIPS

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1. IN RESPONSE REFERENCES, I HAVE REVIEWED CAREFULLY  
OPERATION AID/GULF STATE AUB SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM  
IN BAHRAIN. FROM ADMINISTRATIVE STANDPOINT THIS  
EMBASSY IS MOST CONTENT WITH PRESENT ARRANGEMENTS,  
SIGNALLY AWARE OF KEY ROLE AID OFFICE BEIRUT PLAYS IN  
MAKING PROGRAM WORK SMOOTHLY, AND UNEASY ABOUT PROSPECTS  
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FOR COMPARABLE EFFECTIVENESS SHOULD AUB TAKE OVER

ADMINISTRATION OF SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM. OBVIOUSLY, HOWEVER, WE BENEFICIARIES IN THE OUTLYING PROVINCES MUST DEFER TO JUDGMENT EMBASSY BEIRUT AND AID ON MOST EFFECTIVE WAY TO OPERATE PROGRAM INsofar AS ADMINISTRATIVE AND COST FACTORS ARE SIGNIFICANT.

2. FROM POLICY STANDPOINT, ON OTHER HAND, I FEEL MOST STRONGLY IT WOULD RUN COUNTER TO OUR OBJECTIVES IN BAHRAIN, AND GULF GENERALLY, TO PERMIT AUB TO STEP IN AS USG AGENT WITH DIRECT CONTACT WITH GOB. USG HAS DETERMINED AT HIGHEST LEVEL TO SEEK EVERY FEASIBLE OPPORTUNITY TO PROVIDE EDUCATIONAL AS WELL AS TECHNICAL AND CULTURAL ASSISTANCE TO GULF STATES. OBJECTIVE IS TO SERVE NATIONAL INTEREST IN ORDERLY DEVELOPMENT OF GULF STATES WHILE STRENGTHENING US INFLUENCE HERE. AID HAS PARTICIPATED MOST HELPFULLY AT ALL STAGES IN FORMULATING THIS POLICY. WE ARE ALL PAINFULLY AWARE OF DIFFICULTIES WE FIND IN IMPLEMENTING IT, BOTH BECAUSE OF OUR OWN LEGISLATIVE AND BUDGETARY RESTRICTIONS AND BECAUSE OF PROBLEMS IN IDENTIFYING NUMEROUS FIRM OPPORTUNITIES TO MAKE A USG CONTRIBUTION IN GULF STATES. BUT IN BAHRAIN A LITTLE BIT CAN GO A LONG WAY. AUB SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM HAS BEEN A MANIFESTATION OF USG INTENT TO ASSIST BAHRAIN'S DEVELOPMENT. WITH FEW SIMILAR MANIFESTATIONS WORKING (PEACE CORPS AND THE ODD MIGRANT CU SPONSORED EXPERT) DIRECT USG ROLE IN AUB SCHOLARSHIPS IS A LARGE PART OF OUR DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION ACTIVITY IN BAHRAIN. PROGRAM IS VISIBLE AND APPRECIATED HERE, IN NO SMALL PART BECAUSE AID BEIRUT OFFICE HANDLES IT SO WELL. I WOULD BE EXTREMELY LOATHE TO SEE AUB TAKE THIS PROGRAM OVER DIRECTLY, INEVITABLE CAUSING BAHRAINIS TO FORGET THAT USG IS PAYING FOR PROGRAM. IN EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE FIELD WE COULD STAND MORE, NOT LESS, VISIBILITY HERE.

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